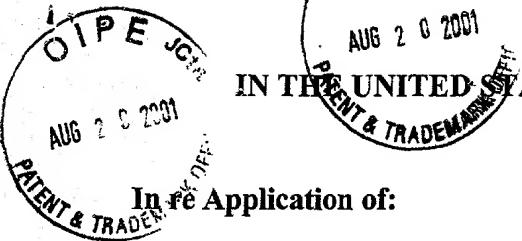


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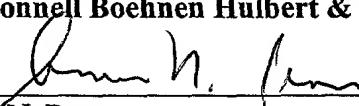
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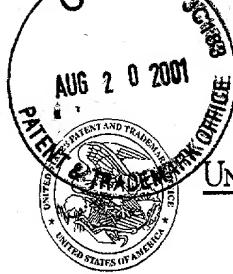
1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
 - a. Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers
 - b. Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers
 - c. Substitute drawings
 - d. Return receipt postcard
2. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on August 14, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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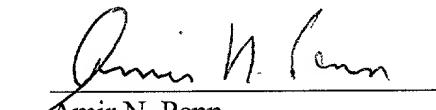
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In accordance with the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, a copy of which is attached, we are filing herewith forty-four (44) sheets of formal drawings. Approval of the drawings is requested.

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